

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 12 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1, 2, 5 through 11, 13 through 16 and 18 and 19 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Gray for the courtesies extended to him during the personal interview on February 10, 2004. At the interview, above Claim 1 was presented. The Examiner indicated that Claim 1 would be reviewed in view of Goyetche and that further search may be necessary.

Claim 1 further defines that the base has a flat motor. Also, the casing has a thickness covering the motor to provide a low profile motor assembly.

As was pointed out at the interview, the art cited by the Examiner, specifically Goyetche, failed to disclose or suggest Applicant's invention. First, Goyetche requires the fan to be dismantled in order to clean the fan blades. Thus, the fan of Goyetche is not designed to be clean in situ as is Applicant's fan. The Goyetche reference as illustrated in Figure 1A, neither discloses nor suggests the flat motor with the casing having a low profile. Thus, Applicant believes Claim 1 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner. Likewise, Claims 2 and 5 through 9, which depend from Claim 1, are patentably distinguishable over the art cited by the Examiner.

Claim 10 has been amended. Claim 10 further defines that the at least one elongated support member is secured to the bottom face of the base portion by a fastening member. The elongated support portion is pivotally disposed about the fastening member and manually positioned in an extended position. Thus, the support can be in an extended position, a

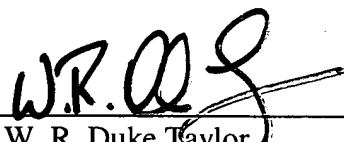
contracted position, or any desired intermediary position between the extended and the contracted position.

The Raab reference, cited by the Examiner, fails to disclose or suggest Applicant's invention. Raab discloses feet which include a spring to move the feet from a position which enables the fan to fit in a box to an extended position. The extended position is accomplished as soon as the fan is removed from the box. Raab neither discloses nor suggests a support member secured to the bottom face by a fastening member. Also, Raab fails to disclose or suggest an elongated support pivotally disposed about the fastening member and manually positioned in different positions. Thus, Raab fails to disclose or suggest Applicant's invention. Accordingly, Applicant believes Claim 10 to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner. Likewise, Claims 11, 13 through 16, and 18 through 19, which depend from Claim 10, are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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